



Drunk Driving Trust Fund (DDTF)*

Overview

The Victims of Drunk Driving Trust Fund was enacted on March 8, 2002. According to the enabling statute, anyone who is convicted, placed on probation, granted a continuance without a finding, pleads guilty to, and admits to a finding of sufficient facts for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, marijuana, narcotic drugs, depressants or stimulant substances is subject to an assessment of \$50. The courts collect this assessment, which is not subject to waiver for any reason. The state treasurer is the custodian of the fund and the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA) is charged with awarding and administering grants from this fund.

As stated in the enabling statute, grants will be awarded "to community-based programs in the commonwealth to provide counseling and support services to victims of accidents caused by persons driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol." The criteria for selecting grant-recipients will be made available on Comm-PASS (the Commonwealth Procurement Access & Solicitation System) and the MOVA website: www.mass.gov/mova.

Points to Note

- Funding will go to:
 1. Services directed toward the needs of survivors, surviving family members, witnesses, and secondary victims of Operating Under the Influence (OUI) incidents.
 2. Nonprofit community-based programs.
- New programs that have not yet demonstrated a record of providing victim services may be eligible to receive DDTF funding if their agencies currently provide services that have particular interest or significant relevance to the OUI victim population.
- Funding will begin during the Commonwealth Fiscal Year 2004.
- In accordance with Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines, MOVA will be unable to accept or answer any inquiries involving this funding source until after April 15, 2003.

***Further information, including the application RFR, will be posted on Comm-PASS under the Human & Social Services field on April 15, 2003.**

A direct link to this procurement site will also be made available at www.mass.gov/MOVA.